

UU Church of Columbia, MO
Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister
New Year Burning of the Grudges
December 28, 2025

Welcome

Prelude - Neil Minturn & Alan Arnold

Opening Words — by Anne Slater

Centering Song #188 - “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

*Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.*

Chalice Lighting & Unison Words of Affirmation

*Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law;
this is our great covenant:
to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

REMEMBER

Centering Moment — with words from Victoria Safford

Stones of Joy and Sorrow

Prayer - by John O'Donohue

Hymn #123 – “Spirit of Life”

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

RELEASE

Reading — “Let It Go” by e.e. cummings

Ritual — Burning Away

Song - Neil Minturn & Alan Arnold

RESOLVE

Reading — “Here I Am” by Elaine Kiziah

Ritual — Touchstones

***Hymn #311 – “Let it Be A Dance”**

*Let it be a dance we do.
May I have this dance with you?
Through the good times and the bad times, too,
let it be a dance.*

*Let a dancing song be heard.
Play the music, say the words,
and fill the sky with sailing birds.
Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.
Learn to follow, learn to lead,
feel the rhythm, fill the need
to reap the harvest, plant the seed.
Let it be a dance.*

*Let it be a dance we do.
May I have this dance with you?
Through the good times and the bad times, too,
let it be a dance.*

*Everybody turn and spin,
let your body learn to bend,
and, like a willow with the wind,
let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.
A child is born, the old must die;
a time for joy, a time to cry.
Take it as it passes by.
Let it be a dance.*

*Let it be a dance we do.
May I have this dance with you?
Through the good times and the bad times, too,
let it be a dance.*

*Morning star comes out at night,
without the dark there is no light.
If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right.
Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.
Let the sun shine, let it rain;
share the laughter, bear* the pain,
and round and round we go again.
Let it be a dance.*

Offertory - Neil Minturn & Alan Arnold

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***Closing Words — Rev. Molly Housh Gordon**

***Sung Benediction**

*Now on leaving one another,
May we give of hand and heart.
Let us share our benediction,
Lovingly before we part.*

* Please stand or remain seated as you feel most comfortable.

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